

January 15, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S399.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Thomas J. Vilsack, to be Secretary of Agriculture, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Harkin and Grassley, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Lisa P. Jackson, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, who was introduced by Senators Lautenberg and Menendez, and Nancy Helen Sutley, to be Chairman of the Council

on Environmental Quality, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Peter R. Orszag, of Massachusetts, to be Director, who was introduced by Representatives John Spratt and Paul Ryan, and Robert L. Nabors II, of New Jersey, to be Deputy Director, who was introduced by Representative David Obey, both of the Office of Management and Budget, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Eric K. Shinseki, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Inouye and former Senator Robert J. Dole, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

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Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 54 public bills, H.R. 493–546; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 21, and H. Res. 59–61, 63–65, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 62, providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 384) to reform the Troubled Assets Relief Program of the Secretary of the Treasury and ensure accountability under such Program (H. Rept. 111–3).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Tauscher to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Silvester S. Beaman, Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Wilmington, Delaware.

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Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global

Warming: Representative Markey (MA), Chairman and Representative Sensenbrenner.

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Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 59, electing the following minority member to a standing committee: Committee on Rules: Representative Foxx.

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Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009: The House passed H.R. 2, to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend and improve the Children's Health Insurance Program, by a recorded vote of 289 ayes to 139 noes, Roll No. 16.

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Rejected the Deal (GA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a ye-and-nay vote of 179 yeas to 247 nays, Roll No. 15.

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H. Res. 52, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 244 ayes to 178 noes, Roll No. 14, after agreeing without objection to order the previous question.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure: